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The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W. 7A-257
Washington, DC 20585

SUBJECT: Comments on a Possible Yucca Mountain Site Recommendation

REFERENCES:

1. 66 Federal Register 23013 - May 7, 2001
2. 66 Federal Register 43851 - August 21, 2001
3. 66 Federal Register 45845 - August 30, 2001
4. Nuclear Energy Institute letter, S. P. Kraft to S. Abraham dated September 25, 2001 regarding NEI comments on the possible site recommendations for Yucca Mountain.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) is pleased to submit these comments to the Department of Energy (DOE) on the possible site recommendation for Yucca Mountain (References 1, 2 and 3). ENO strongly supports a decision to recommend Yucca Mountain for development as a repository for commercial used nuclear fuel.

ENO believes that there is more than adequate scientific and engineering evidence to conclude that the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain will protect the public health and safety. ENO also believes that this evidence is sufficient to support a final decision to recommend the Yucca Mountain site.

Yucca Mountain is important to ENO, but it more important to national energy. As the past years events have demonstrated, as America's energy need grow, nuclear power plants will have to play an ever-increasing role. A safeguarded and efficiently managed nuclear repository is an essential part of a complete and environmentally responsible national energy policy.

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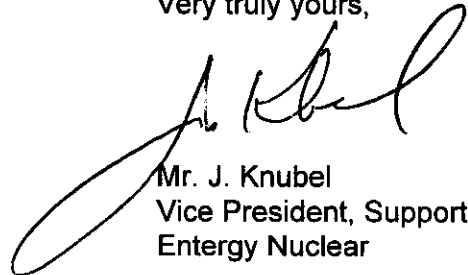
ENO feels strongly that DOE should recommend a Yucca Mountain site for the development of a national nuclear repository. With a presidential recommendation, DOE should move deliberately and quickly to the next step in the repository development process - NRC facility licensing.

ENO is part of Entergy's national fleet of nine commercial nuclear power plants. Safety is our first priority. Entergy's long-standing commitment to safety is reflected in the day-to-day operation of our plants, in the value we place on the personnel safety of our employees and in the management of used nuclear fuel. Looking to the future, our safety ethic will extend to ensure the safe transportation and disposal of used nuclear fuel at a national repository.

ENO is a member of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and has reviewed their comments regarding this recommendation (Reference 4). ENO supports and endorses NEI's comments on this very important decision.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Kelly at (914) 272-3370.

Very truly yours,



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